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CONVERSATION ON PRISONER RELEASE NEGOTIATIONS  
ACTION - NONE  
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1. LATEST MEETING OF STRUENING WITH ☒ PRO-  
DUCED INFORMATION RELATING ☒ CONVERSATION WITH VOELCKERS  
10 JANUARY. DURING THAT CONVERSATION VOELCKERS TOLD ☒ THAT  
PRISONER EXCHANGE TALKS HELD SINCE EAST BLOC SECURITY CHIEFS  
MEETING DESCRIBED REF HAVE BEEN NOTICEABLY UNEVENTFUL. AL-  
THOUGH VOELCKERS DID NOT WANT ATTRIBUTE THIS EXCLUSIVELY TO  
FELFE CASE, HE SAID THAT THIS ISSUE CERTAINLY PLAYS DOMINANT  
ROLE FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. VOELCKERS SAID WESTERN PRISONER RELEASE NEGOTIATORS  
FOR THIS REASON DISAPPOINTED AT UNWILLINGNESS JUSTICE MINISTRY  
STATE SECRETARY EHMKE AND ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER WEHNER  
DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF FELFE RELEASE. BOTH STANGE AND  
VOELCKERS APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTE THEIR ATTITUDE TO AMERICAN IN-  
TERVENTION. VOELCKERS BELIEVES CATUSK PROBABLY TALKED ABOUT  
FELFE CASE WITH AMERICANS AND RECEIVED NEGATIVE ANSWER. AC-  
CORDING VOELCKERS SPANGENBERG BELIEVES WESTERN SIDE CANNOT  
ALLOW ITSELF BE PRESSURED BY EAST ON CASES INVOLVING PRISONER  
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EXCHANGES BUT FEELS THAT, PARTICULARLY IN FELFE CASE, IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY JUST HOW MUCH SECURITY RISK ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN FELFE RELEASE.

3. VOELCKERS TOLD [ ] LATEST EASTERN INQUIRY ON FELFE OCCURRED SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. SAID EASTERN NEGOTIATOR VOGEL WILL BE ON LEAVE UNTIL END JANUARY AND WILL WANT INTERIM REPLY UPON HIS RETURN. AS FURTHER INTERESTING ASPECT VOELCKERS RELATED STATEMENT BY VOGEL THAT EAST GERMANS BELIEVE DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING FELFE RELEASE MAY BE DUE FACT THAT FELFE DOUBLE AGENT, AND IF SO, "CERTAINLY FOR THE AMERICANS."

4. ABOVE INFO OF INTEREST AS EXAMPLE OF INFO BEING PASSED ALONG CABAKER HEADQUARTERS. DUE PRIMARY WOFIRM OPS INTEREST, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT DISSEMED THIS INFO IN REPORTS CHANNEL.

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